(ii) @ Rs. 7,500 per course to the women doing diploma in sports coaching at SAI Centre.

(iii) @ Rs. 10,000 per annum upto maximum period of 3 years are given to the women doing M. Phil/Ph.D in Physical Education.

(c) As the quantum of assistance has been revised upwards, no specific reaction has been received.

Outcome to the meeting of Sports Ministers

1844. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the topics discussed in the conference of Sports Ministers held in Delhi in February last;

(b) the decisions arrived at; and

(c) the steps so far taken by Government and the those proposed to be taken to implement them?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) The Major issues discussed in the Conference related to subjects of transferring 'Sports' to the Concurrent List of the Constitution; formulation of State Youth & Sports Policies; implementation issues in respect of new schemes, strengthening and monitoring and delivery mechanism of various programmes of the Ministry etc.

(b) The general view on some of the key issues, which emerged out of the discussions were:

1. The annual budgetary allocation for the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports needs to be substantially enhanced.
2. Review of the decision to transfer of Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Sports Infrastructure, as it would adversely affect the future growth of sports infrastructure in the country. The committed liabilities of Rs. 160 crores should be provided for during the next 2 to 3 years.
3. Further consultation was required in the respective States on the issue of bringing the subject of 'Sports' in the Concurrent List of the Constitution Individual State Governments shall take a view on the subject and send written communication in this regard.

4. Autonomous premier organizations like Sports Authority of India and Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) should be made more effective, responsible and accountable and their field formations should have closer interaction with State agencies. The financial as well as administrative structure of these organizations may also be strengthened and expanded further.

5. Need for formulation and adoption of State Youth and Sports policies by all the States and Union Territories.

6. Plan of Action for Celebration of 2005 as International Year of Physical Education and Sports be implemented.

7. Need for greater stress on physical education in institutions by introducing it as part of the curriculum.

8. Revision of the Scheme of State Sports Academy so as to utilize the existing sports infrastructure for broad basing sports.

9. Need for providing mass participation in physical fitness by involving Panchayati Raj Institutions, NYKS, etc.

10. Early formulation of Scheme for setting up National and State Youth Centres as envisaged under the Tenth Five Year Plan.

11. The State Ministers Conference should be made an annual feature.

(c) The follow-up action on the issues exclusively with the purview of the Ministry, particularly relating to SAI, NYKS, and implementation issues relating to Ministry's Schemes, has been initiated. Plan of action for celebration of 2005 as the International Year of Physical Education and Sports has been approved and shared with various stakeholders. Recommendations regarding inclusion of physical education in school curriculum have been sent to the Department of Education for consideration and approval. The views of the participating States relating to transfer of the Centrally sponsored scheme of sports infrastructure to the State Governments as well as committed liabilities and the issue of setting up of National & State Youth Centres have been brought to the notice of appropriate authority. Further, a view on the transfer of sports to Concurrent List is dependent on written communications expected from the State Government/UTs in this respect.